



**"Service Above Self"**

# The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

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MAY 20, 2014

## MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

### LAST WEEK:

Presiding: Treasurer Doug Lowe

Invocation: Adaire Wolf

Pledge: Dick Retz

4-Way Test: Doug Lowe

Members Present: 45

Rotarian Visitors: Bob Smirth/Sunrise  
Sam Smith/Santa Fe Springs,CA

Visitors: Meddy Tekle/Lou Gibson  
Laura Parker/Connie Clark  
Esin Pirkul/Connie Clark

This Week: Temple Railroad Museum speaker

Next Week: Ms. Chrystle Swain, Media Consultant

### Future Programmes:

June 3 Dr. McCauley, pædiatric charity dentistry

June 10 Ms. Lee Ann Powers, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

June 17 Biographies

June 24 Mr. James Duke, Bubba's Beez

July 1 Meddy Tekle, who migrated from Ethiopia and is now a successful  
business owner in Georgetown.

July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, Author.

## **Disaster Relief Programmes and Rotary**

When great natural tragedy strikes some area of the world, it is quite possible that within hours the Rotary Disaster Relief programme may be at work relieving suffering of hapless victims. Modest Rotary grants of up to US\$5,000 may be immediately provided by the RI president to people left homeless by hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires and other disasters.

Following an initial grant, the Secretariat will customarily issue a call for help, which could be answered by gifts of money, supplies, food, clothing and household items from Rotarians around the world. Usually the process continues for several months as additional assistance is sent to the appropriate clubs and districts in the disaster area.

The Rotary Disaster Relief Fund was established by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation to provide small grants that could be immediately available when a catastrophe strikes. The president of Rotary International may act to meet the immediate needs of food, blankets, shelter and first-aid supplies for disaster victims, working through the district governor in the area of the tragedy.

The Disaster Relief Fund is one of the significant ways that gifts to The Rotary Foundation build goodwill and understanding around the world.

## LAST WEEK

by Ray Quigley

Or program was presented by Mrs. Candace Bocock, Associate with the Wiewel law firm.

Ms. Bocock is Board certified and highly qualified in the areas of personal planning, estate planning and probate.

Ms. Bocock explained that the definition of probate is **"The process of winding up the financial affairs of the deceased person and passing the assets on to his or her beneficiaries or next of kin."** She also described that probate generally consists of three phases:

- 1) The collection of assets;
- 2). Payment of debts and taxes;
- 3). Distribution of the balance to the ultimate beneficiaries.

She discussed what is involved. Basically probate must be accomplished on any property that would be legally defined as "probate property." There are numerous instances of property that is not probate property.

Ms. Bocock discussed "Living Trusts?" and "Wills" in some detail. She also discussed the kinds of problems that may be encountered and how to avoid them.

A living trust can avoid the necessity of probate on property properly placed in that trust because a living trust is "alive" after the death of the individual creating it.

An administrator is often necessary and should be carefully chosen.

If the trust is fully funded (which means your trust owns your assets but you control the trust!) all the deceased property and the trust provisions remain private.

Basically the main problem would be brought on by "no planning."

That may involve property not going where you want it to go.

She quoted a relatively famous saying by Darrell Royal when he was Texas coach that - **"Three things can happen when you throw a football in a game. Two of them bad."**

She used the illustration of a house.

With improper (or no) planning, if you're married with children, it could go to the wife - to the kids - or half to the wife and half to the kids.

Much better to clean things up by planning and dictating what it is you want done with any property that might be in question.

Of interest, in Texas, wills must be probated within four years, as I understand it, or they are not admissible. Ms. Bocock also discussed the necessity to do proper planning and document that planning.

A. Let people know where documents are that may effect your estate.

B. we live in a world where passwords are an important part of our communications requirements. Make sure someone knows passwords required to gain access to your documents.

C. Do complete personal planning up to and including planning and handling affairs for your funeral. You don't want that delayed for weeks on end.

D. And finally, get married, or not, it does matter.

Thank you Ms. Bocock, for a very interesting and informative program.

***Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.***

## MALI

**38.2%** of the children in Yirimadjo, Mali – one of Africa's poorest nations – had preventable or treatable illnesses in 2008. By 2011, community health interventions had brought that figure down to **23.3%**.

A team of medical researchers worked with Malian non-governmental organizations called Muso and the West African nation's ministry of health to train and deploy health workers and deliver free care and education in Yirimadjo, a community of 56,000 outside the capital, Bamako.

In addition to reducing illness, their efforts helped lower the area's under-five mortality rate by **90%**.

. . . the *Rotarian*

Success is not final, failure is not fatal:  
it is the courage to continue that counts.

. . . Winston Churchill

## Musings from Bob D.

I pride myself on having many unrecognized talents.

Unfortunately, it's my faults that have succeeded in gaining recognition.

The Lord our God made me what I am today,

but I try not to hold it against Him and hope you will not either.

I have always tried to learn from my failures.

What I have learned is that it isn't any fun to fail.

The present only lasts an instant but

the past lingers on forever and forever.

If you only tell the truth and **never** tell a lie,

do not read the rest of this message.

Thank you for confirming what I always believed about you.

In today's world the only way to tell the truth

may be to change our definition of truth.

Can it be beneficial to **ALL** concerned,

even if it is more beneficial to some than it is to others?

## PEACE CORPS & ROTARY ANNOUNCE COLLABORATION TO PROMOTE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, (5 May 2014)** – *Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko today signed a letter of collaboration strengthening the organizations' cooperation in the United States and abroad to promote global development and volunteer service.*

*"The missions of our two organizations reflect and reinforce each other," Hessler-Radelet said. "In our increasingly interconnected world, bringing the Peace Corps and Rotary together in common cause provides more opportunity than ever to leave a greater impact."*

*At Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Ill., the two organizations committed to explore initial collaboration in the Philippines, Thailand and Togo. Across these three countries, Peace Corps and Rotary volunteers will be encouraged to share resources and expertise, and Peace Corps volunteers and Rotary clubs in the U.S. can connect to boost the impact of development projects. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.*

*The Peace Corps and Rotary will also work together to recruit more Americans into Peace Corps service and share their knowledge and understanding of the world with fellow Americans. Both organizations have rich histories of promoting peace and friendship between cultures and undertaking sustainable development activities to help communities in need throughout the world. They also have networks of volunteers and members dedicated to making the world a better place.*

*Peace Corps and Rotary programs overlap in more than 60 countries, and many returned Peace Corps volunteers join Rotary clubs. The organizations have previously partnered on projects in literacy, water sanitation, and health, and Rotary funds have helped to purchase everything from construction materials to library books.*

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

. . . . Will Rogers

### **About the Peace Corps:**

[Peace Corps](#) sends Americans abroad to tackle the most pressing needs of people around the world. Volunteers work at the grassroots level with local governments, schools, communities, small businesses and entrepreneurs to develop sustainable solutions that address challenges in education, health, economic development, agriculture, environment and youth development.

### **Membership Minutes** with [Harold Bergh](#)

To the question as to why we have the MMs every week, Harold pointed out that we need to keep increasing our membership. Although he had with him only one bottle of melted and thus totally inappropriate M&Ms, he assured us he will have a more salubrious selection next week – to encourage us to bring more and younger guests .

### **MISC. ETC.**

More donations were made during Happy Bucks to the Permanent Endowment Fund in **Pete Snelson's** name; Honorary member **Bob Selman's** wife, **Effie**, has donated some of Bob's Rotary Shirts for anyone who would like one (a small contribution to Happy Bucks would be nice!); members were happy for the rain; **Bill Miller** gave us an update on his grandson's prowess at the long jump event (23' 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"") and is giving funds to the Chisholm Trail Foundation; and not to be outdone, Jarrell's super, **Bill Chapman**, related one of his students placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state 400m dash; **Rich Petro** has found his weather station does indeed work and recorded 5+” rain at the weekend; **Tom Minor** mused we are a generous and giving club; **Bill Harries** said it is hotter in LA. than it is here at the moment and they have had more rain; **Dick Will** gave an extra \$ for his tablemate – a temporarily broke Dr. **Dick Retz** (aren't doctors supposed to be wealthy?); **Bea Wallis** is happy to be back from a holiday in Arkansas; **Bob Deffeyes** is enjoying cooler weather in Seattle.

### **SLEEP FACTS:**

*Men are more likely to fall asleep when driving than women.*

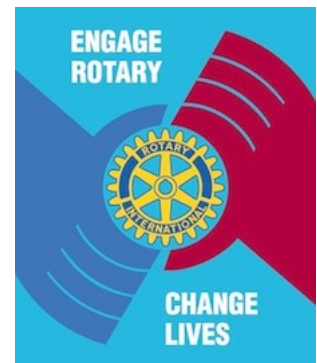
*Going 17 hours without sleep is the neuro-equivalent in cognitive impairment of a blood alcohol level of .05%*

*Humans dream more than 2hr a night and sleep less than other primates.*

*New parents lose between 400 and 750 hours of sleep during the first year. (But we knew that!)*

*When you sleep, your brain is cleaning up from the neurological party that is every day life. Memories, both cognitive and emotional, get discarded or coded for long term memory storage.*

*During sleep, memory consolidates, moving from the temporary storage in the hippocampus to long-term storage in the outer cortex. Sleep helps us to remember.*



The very idea of freedom incites fear in the hearts of terrorists across the world.

. . . Elizabeth Dole